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Ambassador PARIS UNN

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REF: Bonn's G-209 to Department

SUBJECT: Berlin Air Contingency Planning

We agree with Embassy that a layer in each air corridor for non-  
Allied traffic running the length of the corridor would be undesirable.  
It was the intention of the penultimate paragraph of our G-70 to Bonn,  
G-73 to Washington--though admittedly this paragraph was not clearly  
worded--to suggest that consideration be given to designating corridor  
crossing belts at right angles to the corridors.

Unless crossing areas are designated, the three Allied corridors  
without altitude limitation would in effect block non-Allied air traffic  
over much of East Germany, or if Communists decide to disregard such a  
"blockade," increase risk of air collision. If we do not intend such a  
"blockade" presumably we would have to make provision for non-Allied air  
traffic to cross the corridors, and to do so in a way which would not  
endanger the safety of our aircraft.

Corridor crossing areas--i.e. "belts" at right angles to corridors--  
could be designated at altitudes convenient to us at, say, 40 miles from  
the Berlin control zone, so that the crossover belts do not interfere with  
lateral paths of Allied jets using the corridors at high altitudes.

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